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### **REMARKS - General**

This is responsive to the Examiner's Office Action mailed November 1, 2010. Applicants have hereby elected a crosslinking for claims 5 and 24 for examination without traverse.

Applicants have withdrawn claims 3 and 22. Thus claims 1-2, 4-21, and 23-28 are pending in this application.

The status of all claims and the text of all pending claims are shown above. In the changes made to the claims by the current amendment, ~~deletions are shown by strikethrough~~, and additions are underlined.

### ***Discussion of Inventorship***

Applicants certify that the subject matter of the various claims in this patent application was commonly owned at the time any invention covered therein was made absent any evidence to the contrary.

### ***Discussion of Claim Election/Restriction***

Applicants have elected one crosslinking agent for examination without traverse.

- In claim 3, claim is withdrawn from further consideration.
- In claim 5, "a reversible crosslinking agent of polyphenolic compounds" is elected.
- In claim 22, claim is withdrawn from further consideration.
- In claim 24, "a reversible crosslinking agent of polyphenolic compounds" is elected.

### ***Conclusion and Conditional Request For Constructive Assistance***

For all of the above reasons, applicants submit that claims are now in proper form, and that the claims all define patentably over the prior art. Therefore, they submit that this application is now in condition for allowance, which action they respectfully solicit. If, for any reason, this application is not believed to be in full condition for allowance, applicants respectfully request the constructive assistance and suggestions of the Examiner pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 706.03(d) and § 707.07(j) in order that the undersigned can place this application in allowable condition as soon as possible and without the need for further proceedings. If further

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issues remain to be resolved, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact the undersigned (949-887-2966) such that any remaining issues may be promptly resolved.

Respectfully submitted,



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Date